

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for powderizing a hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) in a liquid or paste form, comprising the steps of:

(A) processing said hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) into a liquid or paste form by adding alcohol or organic solvent;

(B) mixing said hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) with a saccharide derivative(s) of α,α -trehalose having a trehalose structure as an end unit and a glucose polymerization degree of three or higher, which saccharide derivative α,α -trehalose comprises about 30 w/w % or more of α maltosyl α,α -trehalose and one or more saccharides selected from the group consisting of α glucosyl α,α -trehalose, α maltotriosyl α,α -trehalose and α glycosyl α,α -trehalose, and which saccharide derivative(s) of α,α -trehalose is in an amorphous form; and

(C) powderizing the resulting mixture;

wherein said saccharide derivative of α,α -trehalose

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comprises 30 w/w % or more of α -maltosyl α,α -trehalose and one or more other saccharides selected from the group consisting of α -glucosyl α,α -trehalose, α -maltotriosyl α,α -trehalose and other α -glycosyl α,α -trehalose(s), and which saccharide derivative of α,α -trehalose is in an amorphous form.

Claim 2 (**Cancelled**).

3. (**Currently amended**) The method of claim 1, wherein said hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) is one selected from the group consisting of processed stockbreedings, processed marine products, processed agricultural products, flavors, colorings, lipids, emulsifiers, and functional substances, ~~organic solvents, and agricultural emulsions.~~

Claims 4-7 (**Cancelled**).

8. (**Currently amended**) The method of claim 1, ~~comprising a step of incorporating~~ wherein the amount of said saccharide derivative of α,α -trehalose ~~into a powdery composition in an amount of~~ mixed with said hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) is 5% (w/w) or more to the total weight of the powdery composition resulting mixture, on a dry solid basis.

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9. (**Previously presented**) The method of claim 1,
wherein said method for powderizing is a spray-drying method.

Claims 10-11 (**Cancelled**).

12. (**Currently amended**) A powdery composition
comprising a hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) produced
by the method of claim 1.

Claims 13-14 (**Cancelled**).

15. (**New**) The powdery composition of claim 12, which
is one selected from the group consisting of foods, beverages,
cosmetics, medicated cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and industrial
chemicals, their materials and intermediates.